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Title: Alleged anomaly in appointment of Directors in Public Sector Undertakings in the country.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Sir, as you would know that the Government has left no stone unturned to consolidate and strengthen the Public Sector Undertakings in our country. However, sometimes certain anomalies are observed. I would like to refer to one such glaring anomaly in respect of a Public Sector Undertaking, namely, M/s Bridge and Roof Company Limited which is located in Kolkata and this is a company which has provided employment to more than 10,000 workers. The fact is that, over the years, it was suffering from financial crunch but by dint of their great endeavour, the company had been turned around and was awarded as the best turnaround company in 2010 by BRPSE. It is naive to say that the growth and strength of a public sector undertaking is contingent upon the competent and adroit leadership of that organization.

Sir, you will be astonished to note that one post, namely, Director, Project Management which is a very vital post in the organization was vacant and the entire organization was demanding the internal candidate to fill up the vacancy of Director, Project Management in view of its importance....(*Interruptions*)

Sir, the post of Director, Project Management was vacant and it was demanded by the organization that this post should be filled up by an internal candidate in view of his loyalty and experience. But for the reasons best known to the Ministry, they have appointed the CMD of Richardson and Cruddas Ltd. and National Bicycle Corporation (India) Ltd., Mumbai who was holding the twin post not only that, under his leadership, the two companies, the Richardson and Cruddas Ltd. and National Bicycle Corporation have incurred a loss of more than Rs. 300 crore. He was given the charge of Director (Project Management). That is why, I would urge upon the Government to reconsider the filling up of the post and that vacancy should be given to the internal candidate because the incumbent is an external candidate. He does not have any experience of this organization.

I would urge upon the Government to review this decision.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri P.L. Punia may be allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri Adhir Chowdhury.